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Sir SAMUEL BAKER said, as an African traveller, he felt the greatest pleasure in being a listener, and applauding all that he had heard. But after the remarks that had just fallen from Mr. Waller, he felt it was his duty to give an opinion. As Dr. Livingstone was last seen with only nine armed followers, it was almost impossible we could expect him to come through by Alexandria. He rather hoped that in a very short time we should hear that he was on his return to Zanzibar. At the same time it struck him as an extraordinary fact, that we had heard so much of Livingstone, but, unfortunately, nothing *from* him. Therefore he would recommend the meeting not to be buoyed up with too much hope. He confessed he had none last year; but now he was more sanguine, because it had been proved most satisfactorily that Moosa and the Johanna men had told lies. There was one thing he felt inclined to suggest, although there were no means to carry it out. In the Geographical Society they were in the habit of bestowing honours wherever they were due; but they had no power to bestow punishment. Moosa and the Johanna men had deserted Livingstone, and had put this country to some expense in the search for Livingstone, to say nothing of racking the hearts of those who were near and dear to him. Lions, panthers, and cats of all kinds, were produced in Africa: but there was one other "cat" which he wished could be sent out to the Consul at Zanzibar and administered to these men, and that was the British "cat-o'-nine-tails." He must abstain from giving an opinion with regard to Livingstone's movements, because every step in Africa depended upon circumstances. All they could do was to trust that in a short time they should receive some official communication from Livingstone himself through the Consul at Zanzibar.

The CHAIRMAN, in reply to the observation that no intelligence had been received from Livingstone himself, reminded the meeting that Dr. Kirk in his last communication stated that Livingstone had sent letters by a native trader who was delayed on the way; and by this time the trader might be at Zanzibar. At all events, Sir Roderick Murchison was in early expectation of news to that effect.

Sixth Meeting, 10th February, 1868.

SIR RODERICK I. MURCHISON, BART., K.C.B., PRESIDENT, in
the Chair.

PRESENTATIONS.—*J. A. B. Horton, Esq., M.D.; W. Rhys Williams, Esq., M.D.; Herbert Evans, Esq.*

ELECTIONS.—*Rev. T. Coney, M.A.; Edward Cook, Esq.; H. M. S. Graeme, Esq.; Major E. Hunter; H. F. Makins, Esq.; Captain C. H. Riley (Madras Army); A. R. C. Strode, Esq.*

ACCESSIONS to the LIBRARY, from 27TH JANUARY to FEBRUARY 10TH, 1868.—Knolles' 'Turkish History,' folio. Pocock's 'Arabia,' 4to. Pearce's 'Abyssinia.' Light's 'Nubia.' Rhodes' 'Jerusalem.' Le Blanc's 'Voyages.' Duhalde's 'China,' in two vols. folio. All by purchase. Blackie's 'Imperial Gazetteer;' Fullarton's 'Imperial Gazetteer and Atlas.' Donors, the Publishers. 'Description of Darien in 1754,' translated from the Spanish by J. Power, Esq.

Donor, the Translator. Townsend's 'Journey across the Rocky Mountains.' Purchased. 'Life of Prince Henry of Portugal, surnamed the Navigator, and its Results.' By R. H. Major, Esq. Donor, the Author. 'Banking in Persia,' by Delacy O'Brien, Esq. Donor, the Author. 'An Introduction to the Study of National Music,' by Carl Engel. Donor, the Author. 'Report of the Trans-Himalayan Explorations (Topographical Survey of India), 1865-67,' by Captain T. G. Montgomerie. Donor, the Author.

ACCESSIONS TO MAP-ROOM SINCE THE LAST MEETING.—New Zealand.—A Map of the Northern Island, showing the scene of the Military Operations of 1863. Presented by the War Office, through Sir E. Lugard. Africa.—A Sketch Map, showing the Track of Mr. Young and Party in search of Dr. Livingstone, 1867. Presented by Mr. Young. Two Maps of South Africa. Presented by A. Petermann. Route Map of Abyssinia, showing the advance of the British Expedition of 1863. Presented by the Topographical Office, through Lieutenant-Colonel-Cooke, R.E. America.—A Map of the Argentine Republic, showing the Provinces of Tucuman and Catamarca. Presented by A. Petermann.

The PRESIDENT said that although to his deep regret he was prevented by illness from being present at the last meeting of the Society, at which the complete success of the Livingstone Search-Expedition was happily recorded, he expressed to the Society by letter his sincere gratification at the result, and suggested as the most probable hypothesis that the great traveller would come out of Africa by Zanzibar. For, supposing that he had determined the great problem of the outflow of the waters from Lake Tanganyika, whether to the west or to the north, that problem being solved, he would not, he thought, with his small force, attempt to force his way through the kingdoms of Equatorial Africa, and make his way to the Nile. He wished, however, to say that if, through any advices we may receive, it should transpire that Livingstone had resolved to try to pass to the north through Equatorial Africa, in that case the Society might rest assured that the Council would be prepared to make every effort to organise a relieving expedition from Egypt, with the aid of the Viceroy, and probably according to a plan which has been suggested by Sir Samuel Baker.

The Paper of the evening was,—

On the Exploration of the North Polar Region. By Captain SHERARD OSBORN, R.N., C.B.

WHEN last I had the honour to address this Society touching Arctic Discovery and Exploration—on January 23rd, 1865, just three years ago—I submitted the following propositions, and endeavoured to convince you of their importance, and the comparative certainty and safety with which our conclusions might be carried out.

In the first place I argued, and still maintain the importance, in a generally scientific, and especially in a geographical point of